

- D.** Technology should be used for **creating**, not consuming.
“In the beginning, God created...” Genesis 1:1

TAKE A DIGITAL SABBATH: UNPLUG BE STILL

- E.** Technology should show your self-worth, not **rob** it
“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.” Psalm 139:13
- F.** Technology should cause critical **thinking**, not careless behavior.
“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Philippians 4:8
- G.** Technology should build **His** Kingdom, not ours.
“Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name: he shall throughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land,...” Jeremiah 50:34a

**HOW DO YOU NEED TO APPLY
 GOD’S WISDOM TO YOUR MODERN FAMILY?**

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**MODERN FAMILY
 God’s Wisdom For Today’s Families
 Modern Family Technology
 Pastor Gary Moritz**

INTRODUCTION

- A.** Modern families have major problems! We no longer live in a culture where the majority of homes include two parents with 2.3 kids and a white picket fence. The reality is modern family life is extremely complex, often dysfunctional and very painful. Is there any hope? YES! God has timeless wisdom for today’s families. He knows and cares and wants to help your family thrive.

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- B.** You’re invited to attend this powerful series on the modern day family. You will discover how to have healthy relationships in whatever family situation whether single, married, kids, empty nester, whatever.

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Oct 28	Modern Family Marriage
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- C. TEXT:** Genesis 11:6 (Pew Bible/Pg. 9/Old Test.)

MODERN FAMILY TECHNOLOGY

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY:
TECHNOLOGY IS EITHER A TOOL OR AN IDOL

I. **DISCOVER** THE CULTURAL BEHAVIORS

- A. **Social** Presence: Strong effective feelings/beliefs.
- B. **Cognitive** Presence: See and Act.
- C. **Teaching** Presence: online environments lead to facilitation of the information for life application.
- D. **Educational** Experience shapes current worldview.

“Networked we are together, but so lessened are our expectations of each other that we can feel utterly alone. And there is the risk that we come to see others as objects to be accessed and only for the parts we find useful, comforting, or amusing.”

Alone Together (Sherry Turkle, 2011, p.154)

II. **DEVELOP** THE LEADERSHIP BREATHTROUGHS

- A. Be **present**.
- B. Be **together**.
- C. Be **authentic**.
- D. Be **understanding**.

“That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,”

Philippians 2:15

III. **DEPLOY** THE CHOICE OF BLESSINGS

- A. Technology should be **embraced**, not discouraged.

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

Mark 16:15

- B. Technology should **build** bridges to Jesus, not walls from Him.

“You shall have no other gods before me”

Exodus 20:3

“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

1 Corinthians 1:10

DATA: 80% of millennials/Gen Z prefer to use cell phone messaging like WHAT'S APP to talk and not verbal communication. (Source: Generation Z is Shaping the Future of Digital Customer Service, Spark Central)

- C. Technology should **increase** opportunities for discipleship.

“6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

Colossians 2:6-7

“...Go and Make Disciples...”

Matthew 28:19